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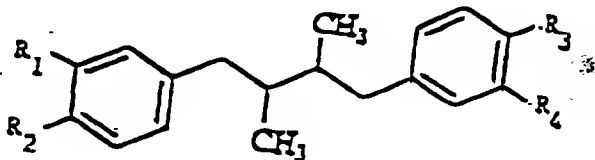
Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued September 28, 2000, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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15. (Amended) A method for suppressing viral growth in a host which consists essentially of administering to the host an effective viral growth suppressing amount of a composition consisting essentially of a compound of the formula:



wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each selected from the group consisting of HO—, CH₃ O— and CH₃ (C=O)O—, provided that R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are not each HO—.

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